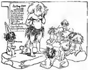
THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

IN PREHISTORIC DAYS.



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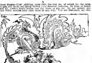
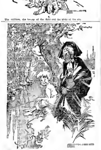
School Master—Now, children, upon this, the last day of school for the term, I wish to ask you to do one thing during your summer vacation. Be kind of heart, one and all, toward dumb brutes and the birds of the air. Do not molest, [illegible] upon them in any way. You are dismissed, my children.



2.

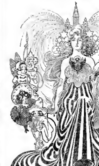
The children, the beasts of the field and the birds of the air.



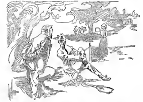
"Boy, boy! What would your faith[illegible] say if he knew you were fishing on Sunday?"

"Just wait a minute and he'll tell you. He's over there diggin' bait."

PAN AMERICA.



WOULD BE EASY FOR HIM.



Her Father (a millionaire)—I hope you appreciate the fact that in marrying my daughter you marry a large-hearted, generous girl.

Ned Levy—I do, sir; and I hope she inherits those qualities from her father.

The Everlasting Enemy.

"I never saw anything quite so mortifying," severely commented Mr. Ferguson after they had left the church door and started homeward, "as that performance of yours in applauding the preacher. He wasn't saying a word at the time, either. He was merely looking at his watch. Didn't you see how everybody stared at you in a horrified way when you clapped your hands?"

"I wasn't applauding the preacher, George," replied Mrs. Ferguson, ready to cry. "I was trying to kill a moth."—[Chicago Tribune.]

Rejected.

"I received a lot of rejected manuscripts to-day," said Timmerah to a friend.

"Did you? I had no idea you had an ambition to shine as an author."

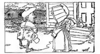
"Not exactly that. You see, my girl and I quarreled, and she returned all my letters."—[Tit-Bits.]

A Man With a History.

First Bookman—That school director who just left us has an interesting history.

Second Bookman—You don't say! How do you know?

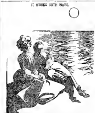
First Bookman—I just gave him a copy of our latest school history.—[School Board Journal.]



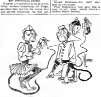
"Can't you find nothing better than begging to do?"

"I [illegible] think so, madam. These [illegible] but I know which pays so well in proportion to the effort exerted."

IT WORKS BOTH WAYS.

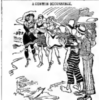


[illegible] believe the full moon has some effect upon the tides [illegible] know, but it has considerable upon the [illegible].



Mrs. Monk—I've seen those [illegible] on your coat! Now you've been with that odious blonde again.

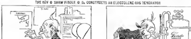
A COMMON OCCURRENCE.



Jones—I beg pardon, I thought you were another person.

Smith—Well, ain't I?

THE REV O SHAW FIDDLE D. D., CONSTRUCTS AN ELECTOLENE GAS GENERATOR

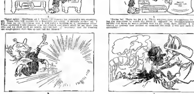


1.

"[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] the companies are [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]."

2.

"Praise be! There we are [illegible]. [illegible] I will now [illegible]."



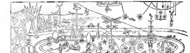
3.

"Who is it?"

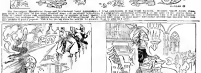
4.

"Shades of [illegible] and Abednego [illegible] Frankenstein, sir [illegible] call me a blessed old idiot."

BUGGUM AND SNAILEY'S TWENTIETH CENTURY SHOW



The Pre-eminent Hippodrome Circus and International Insect Aggregation—A living encyclopedia of Bug World Wonders. [illegible]



"Every time did I catch Pharaoh's hosts, his chosen captains, his horses and his chariots."

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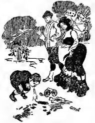
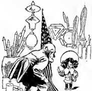
IN A MINUTE.

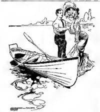


She—Some one ought to tell that boy's mother that he's in danger.
He—She'll probably hear a report to that effect.

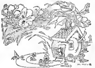
MERCANTILE PATRIOTISM.



"I wish I could buy dat daisy flag, but I only got five cents. Can't you sell it for dat?"
"My dear little girl, I'd never lower the Stars and Stripes."

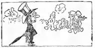


"I never go into the ocean after a meal."
"Why not?"
"I don't think I'd find it there."



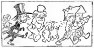
Mr. Bug—Good gracious! My dear, there must be a terrible battle going on somewhere! the cannonading is very heavy.

THE REV. O SHAW FIDDLE, D. D.—HE IS THE VICTIM OF MISPLACED CONFIDENCE.



1.

"Ah, how inspiring the martial music. It takes one back to the days of seventy-six, when the drum and fife [illegible] its warning notes for all patriots to gather for the defense of liberty and freedom."



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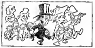
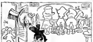
"I will follow them a little way. One can imagine that these others who follow in the wake of fife and drum are men from East, North, South and West, imbued with but one purpose—incited by a single motive."



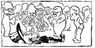
3.

"We gaze upon the drummer brave and fifer of the fife to feel our pulses thrill, and with them go the [illegible] of the other brave hearts [illegible] as onward [illegible] the [illegible] to liberty on—"



4.

"Goodness me! Where have my footsteps wandered? My actions call—all gone—"



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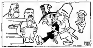
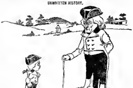
Remarks of Bystanders—He went all to pieces in a minute—He's got a "jag"—Give him the shakes—Sorry—Does anybody know where he lives?—He won't sober up in a week—Somebody go for a cop.



6.

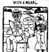
Magistrate—You say that you are a clergyman, and that you were overcome by nervous prostration in a rum hole, where your [illegible] has [illegible] led you, eh? Well, that story is too thin, old man. You look to me like an old rounder. Your Fourth of July celebration will stand you in ten days or $10.

UNWRITTEN HISTORY.

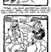


Papa Washington—George, Neighbor Fairfax has reported to me that he has lost seven of his choice apples. Now do you know—
George—Now, see here, father, just because I acknowledged that cherry tree racket you needn't think I'm going to own up to all the deviltry committed in the neighborhood.

A FOURTH OF JULY INCIDENT WITH A MORAL.

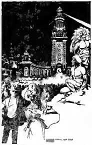


"What, you want another ten cents to buy punk? Light your cracker from my cigar. Begone! I'm not made of money."



Sammy—Maybe I'd better light out—something tells me there'll be some doing presently.

ON THE ESPLANADE



She—I wonder what the poor Indians think when they see the marvelous changes of the hundred years?
He—I don't believe they remember that far back.

How They Call Him Sir John.

In a certain English school it is the custom when a new boy arrives for the master to ask him his name before the whole class, so that this may serve as an introduction to the rest of the scholars. One day a new boy came to the school, and, as usual, he was asked his name.

"John Brown," he replied.

"Sir," said the master severely.

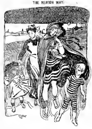
"John Brown," again replied the boy.

"Put a 'sir' to your answer then," roared the master.

"Sir John Brown," came from the boy.

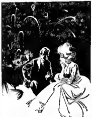
The reply set the whole class into laughter, but as it was so naturally and innocently said the master forgave him and joined in the laughter, and the pupil is now nicknamed "Sir John."

THE REASON WHY.



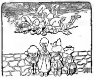
Mamma—Why, Bobby, your little sister Grace has a better memory than you.
Bobby—She don't have to remember back so far.

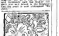
A LONG TRAMP.



"To avoid the racket and smoke of the celebration I took a long tramp out into the country to-day."
"What a tramp could you [illegible] in the choice of an escort! Can your said tramp prove to be an agreeable companion?"

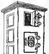
HOW OUR FOUR FATHERS FOUGHT.



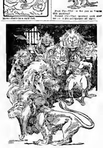


Mouse—Dat's be a tight dad.

A COLD DEAL.



First Fly—Why do you go so [illegible] this morning?
Second Fly—That ignorant cook shut me up in the refrigerator all night.



Daniel (reading from the King's order from Ireland)—I hope these few lines will find you well.

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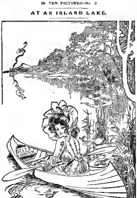
The Summering of Miss Frivolity.

IN TEN PICTURES—No. 3

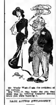
AT AN INLAND LAKE.



Transferred to the idolatry of fickle Miss Frivolity, [illegible]

[illegible] —G. K. T.

SHE KNEW HOW HE GOT IT.



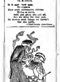
Mr. Wooly West—I am the architect of my fortune.
His Wife—It was lucky for you that there was no building inspector around when you were building it.

BACK ACTION PHILOSOPHY.

When I think of Pierpont Morgan,
And his pelf,
I reflect that, after all, he's
Made of dust,
And we'll both be dust again—
Which is natural, but then
I should like to be Pierp. Morgan
With his dust.

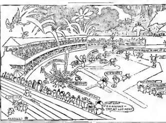
When I think of Albert Edward
With his throne,
To comment upon his worries
Is not proper;
And I cite the restless bed,
And uneasy royal head,
But—I'd like to lose some slumber
On a throne.

It is easy, very easy,
To observe
How one's philosophic sermon
Strikes us nerve,
Gold and glory are not all,
But we labor for their call,
To decline such things we haven't
Got the nerve.
—(Baltimore American.

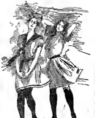


Lewis—[illegible]
[illegible] "made up" [illegible]

A BUG LEAGUE BATTLE FOR THE BASEBALL PENNANT.

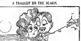

THAT SCRAP IS A DISGRACE—THEY ACT LIKE MEN!

SHE KNEW

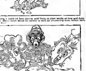


"Don't you think that woman suffragists [illegible]?"
"Sure. Money talks, you know."

A TRAGEDY ON THE BEACH.

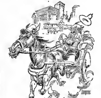


He—Darling, I could sit here forever and listen to your words of love and devotion. [illegible]



Crab Man—[illegible]

THOSE EQUINE WARM WEATHER HATS.



Uncle Hickorystick—[illegible]
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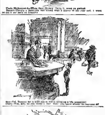

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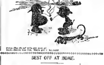

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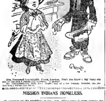
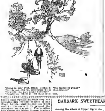
A DEAD TRAMP.



Mrs. Youngwed [illegible]—Oh, Frank, [illegible]
Mr. Youngwed—[illegible]



"[illegible] Prof. [illegible] lecture on 'The Cycles of Time?'"
[illegible]

MISSION INDIANS HOMELESS.

In carrying out the provisions of the mandate just issued by order of the United States Supreme Court, in the case of the Warner ranch against the Mission Indians of San Diego [illegible]

[illegible]

BARBARIC SWEETHEARTS MUST BE HEROIC.

Among the Albert of Upper Egypt the youth who proposes to a girl must submit to a whipping at the hands of all her male relatives [illegible]

[illegible] —[Chambers' Journal.

BEST OFF AT HOME.

The girl whose bookkeeper, stenographer, milliner or teacher in her village home receives a weekly salary of $5, $6 or $7 is far better off financially than the girl in the same occupation in the city who gets $8, $10 or $12 a week. In the first place, the living expenses are much smaller in the country [illegible]

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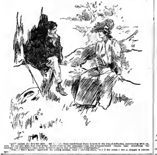
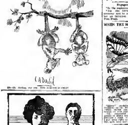
MATTER-OF-FACT MAIDEN



"Ah!" sighed the dreamy poet. "What [illegible] what confidence there is here in the play of solitudes, communing with nature. Do you not feel [illegible] that some [illegible] something has touched you supremely—that some invisible spirit has thrilled you unspeakably?"

"Why, I don't know," answered the young woman, with a nervous start, "but I did think I felt a chigger a minute ago."

MOONLIGHT COURTSHIP



He—Oh, darling, say yes. This suspense is awful!

[illegible]

Talent Vs. Genius.

"How long did it take you to write that book of yours?"

"About four weeks."

"How much did you get for it?"

"One thousand dollars."

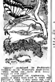
"Well, I made that in four seconds the other day. I thought up a good name for a new health food."—Chicago Tribune.

Engagement Off.

"Is the engagement off?"

"Yes. She advised him to practice economy and he started in by getting her an imitation diamond."—Detroit Free Press.

WHEN THE WORM TURNED.



"Mercy!" exclaimed the Prehistoric [illegible] to the Prehistoric Angleworm, "what makes you have such funny lumps all over you?"

"Oh," responded the Angleworm, "a couple of small boys tried to make me swallow a hook [illegible]"

Many Ascensions.

"This paper says Santos-Dumont will continue his flying experiments."

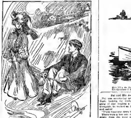
"That's nothing. That new college pitcher on our team has gone up in the air a dozen times this season."—Detroit Free Press.

Conclusive.

Miss Prudie Parkins—It's wrong to wear corsets. Eve didn't wear any.

Miss De Flippe—Neither did she wear any clothes.—Philadelphia [illegible]

HIS PREFERENCE.



"I prefer [illegible] you [illegible] while you [illegible] of the [illegible]."

"[illegible] the ragtime piano playing up in the hotel."

Slow First Thought.

Frayed Fagin—I dreamed last night dat I found a thousand dollars.

Hardened Hobbs—Wot did yer do wid it?

Frayed Fagin—Chucked it away. I knew if I tried ter spend it I'd sure wake up.—Judge.

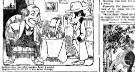
Wise In His Location.

"Lived here all your life, Uncle Dave?"

"Yes, sah."

"Ever tried to [illegible] you?"

"No, sah; dis neighborhood what I live in ain't rich enough for [illegible]."—Atlanta Constitution.



Fellow—Can you give me any hope, Doctor?
Doctor—Not till I see some change!

Not Interested.

"Do you know the amount of money that is spent for rum each year?" asked the Prohibitionist.

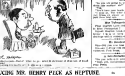
"No," replied the man addressed. "I'm not interested in the price which staggers humanity."—Yonkers Statesman.

Evidently a Fraud.

Patience—You say that man I was out driving with is a member of a band?

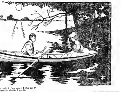
Patrice—Yes, he belongs to one of the big ones.

"I didn't believe it. He never tried to squeeze me once."—Yonkers Statesman.



He (Sufferer)—Doctor, what do you think is the cause of this rush of blood to my head?
Dr. Cutting [illegible]—Nature abhors a vacuum.

HIS REASON.



She—Why do they call it "the arm of the sea?"
He—Because it hugs the shore, I guess.

Pat and His Anvils.

Pat was wandering around the [illegible] looking for work. Noticing a gang of men loading a large lighter alongside, he walked up to the foreman and asked:

"D'yeh want any more hands, Cap'n?"

There were a few men carrying anvils singly from the quay above along a plank to the ship.

"Can you carry those anvils?" inquired the foreman.

"Sure," replied Pat, with the smile of a man who had an easy job on.

"Very well, you can start now."

"What's the pay, mister, beggin' your pardon?"

"Piece work—ten cents for each one you carry on to the ship."

Pat instantly gripped an anvil and carried it with ease across the plank and on to the ship. With the view of doubling his pay he picked up a couple the next journey and was walking along the narrow path when the plank broke and down went Pat into the water with both anvils—one in each hand.

Nothing was seen but a bubble for a while.

Presently Pat appeared on the surface of the water for the first time and yelled out:

"Hello, there! Chuck me down a rope, or begorra I'll drop these blooming things."—New York Times.

"So you are going to try to pay your debts this summer, eh?"

"Yes."

"You'll have your hands full to do it."

"I hope so. The other fellow and the [illegible] or I would have paid them long ago."

Her Temptation.

First English Lord—Did you propose to Miss Parkaster?

Second English Lord—No. [illegible] father I hate to have any business dealings with a woman.—Life.

No Amateur.

She—Did you ever kiss a girl before?

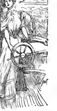
He—Am I doing this like a beginner?—Detroit Free Press.

A Self-Protectionist.

"Do you believe in protection?"

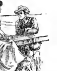
"Well, yes, self-protection."—Detroit Free Press.

A SLIP UP.



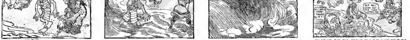
"I heard your brother say this evening that I showed my age. Do you think so?"
"No, indeed. I think you try to hide it."

ECONOMICAL PAPA



"Papa says he will never consent to our marriage," sighs the maiden.
"Then [illegible]."
"[illegible] Papa was wrong. He said you hadn't the least business ability, and here the very first thing you do is to save him the expense of a wedding."

INTRODUCING MR. HENRY PECK AS NEPTUNE.


GEE
WHAT A ROMANTIC AFFAIR
HERE HE IS, MA. IT'LL COST YOU A QUARTER!
SAY MA! LOOK OUT [illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. Peck—Now, Henry, it's [illegible]. You go ahead—you needn't mind.

"Henry Peck, you look out for that big wave, you miserable wretch, you!"

"Oh, save him, save my darling husband!"

"You poor, silly, Henry Peck. I'll teach you to make [illegible] of the [illegible]."

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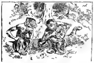
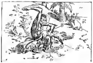
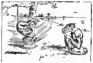
ILLUSTRATED INTERVIEWS.



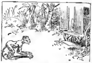
"I was born in the [illegible] age, and of poor but respectable [illegible] [illegible] ... [illegible]"



"There happened the usual events incident to childhood, and I gradually came to understand that my mother meant business when she [illegible] ... [illegible]"

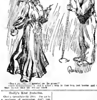


"In time I came to indulge in [illegible] exercises and [illegible] off the [illegible], and ... Africa could beat me in [illegible]"



"At the end of another year I was sure that I knew [illegible] ... [illegible]"

THE WONDERS OF NATURE.



"Don't you [illegible] squabble on the green?"
"There [illegible] I [illegible] when I was in their [illegible] and there was nothing [illegible]"

House Seeking

A number of ladies began to discuss the virtues of their respective husbands, when every other topic was worn threadbare.

"My husband," said one, "never drinks and never swears—indeed, he has no bad habits."

"Does he ever smoke?" some one asked.

"Yes, he likes a cigar just after he has eaten a good meal. But I suppose on an average he doesn't smoke more than once a week."

Some of her friends laughed, but she didn't seem to understand.—[Tit-Bits.

Not Worth While.

"Did you get a testimonial from your last place?"

"Yis ma'am."

"Where is it?"

"Sure, it wasn't worth keeping."—[Life.

But She Didn't Bounce.

"Freddie, why did you drop the baby on the floor?"

"Oh, I just wanted to see her bid. I heard everybody say that it was a bouncing baby."—[Philadelphia Ledger.

When the [illegible] Sound Low.

"Are you sure that he loves you, and you alone?"

"Oh, yes; more than than of any other [illegible]."—[Harper's Monthly.

"Oh, Fury!"

"They [illegible] the [illegible] every [illegible] is [illegible] that so poets [illegible]."

"Ah, then [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible]."—[Boston Herald.

Cholly's Brief Probation.

Cholly (proudly)—By Jove, I'm going to be a professor of swimming, don't you know. I taught Mabel Gaby how to swim in two lessons.

Jack—Oh! That was a quick demonstration.

Cholly (indignantly)—What do you mean?

Jack—Why, she let me give her ten lessons before she learned.—[Brooklyn Eagle.

An Epicure.

Tramp—Will you give me something to eat?

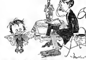
Young Wife—Certainly; we have plenty left. Just a moment.

Tramp—Plenty left! That denotes [illegible] cooking. I think I'll skip.—[New York Herald.

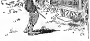
Like Poultry.

Barnes—Funny, but when a lady is full dressed less of her body is covered than when she is not.

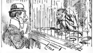
Howe—Not so very funny. It is the same way with poultry.—[Boston Transcript.



Tommy—My sister Sue thinks you're the worst [illegible]
Mr. Bore—If I tell her you said that she'll give you a spanking.
Tommy—No, she's going to give me a dime.



"Then one morning he contrived to make a closer inspection, the door was closed upon me and a gentleman appeared and seemed to know how I liked it as far as I had gone. [illegible] ... [illegible]"



"I was not only compelled to make a change in climate, but was sold to a man [illegible] ... My principal [illegible] ... [illegible]"

[illegible]

"Why have you determined never to marry?"

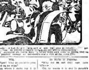
"Because I do not believe in divorce."—[New York Herald.

And There Were Others.

"Did you see many handsome carriages where you were this summer?"

"No; but we had plenty of [illegible] talk."—[New York Times.

ONE DRAWBACK



"I wonder [illegible] ... married [illegible]"
"Well," answered the young man, "I [illegible] that he couldn't possibly manage an automobile and a wife at the same time."

Wit.

Billie—What! Why do you go to your office as hot as an oven?

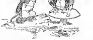
Willie—It's where I make my daily bread.—[Town and Country.

To Make It Popular.

"Why did he call [illegible] new [illegible] 'Whoa'?"

"Oh, he wants it to stick in people's heads."—[Philadelphia Bulletin.

A PERCEPTIBLE INCREASE



Papa De Frog—What [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]—[illegible] hundred [illegible] and a [illegible] many boys.

One Qualification.

Mrs. Smartapple—Ah, professor! And how is my daughter getting on with her music? Do you think she will ever become a great singer?

Professor—Madam, it is very hard to say.

Mrs. S.—But surely she possesses some of the qualifications?

Professor—Ach. Yah, madam, she has a mouth.—[Tit-Bits.

Othello's Fatal Mistake.

Othello, having smothered Desdemona with a pillow, became terror stricken.

"Discovery is certain," he muttered. "If I had only shot her in the back the police would have called it suicide."

Perceiving the hopelessness of his case, he put himself around the bread-knife.—[New York Tribune.

No Kids Wanted.

Tenant (of apartment house, to janitor)—Quick! Look for a doctor to attend my wife—

Janitor—Not on your life! No children allowed in this house.—[Town Topics.

Miserly.

Lester—Grumpit has become a dreadful old miser of late.

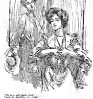
Jameson—I tell you he has, why he counts his lumps of coal every night before he goes to bed.—[Boston Post.

Good For a Purpose.

Tomkin—How was the table board you boarded this summer?

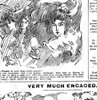
Bobbs—All right for ping-pong, but pretty poor for grub.—[Yonkers Statesman.

VERY FOND OF HIMSELF



"He is a self made man."
"And he worships his [illegible]."

HER DILEMMA



What is Flossie in such deep study about?"
She has two proposals, one from [illegible] who was so deeply in debt that he has to have a rich wife, and the other from young [illegible], who [illegible] almost bankrupt in his effort to impress her. Each of them has to have the money, and Flossie doesn't know which is the most deserving.

From Sole To Upper.

"What is this leathery stuff?" the diner asked, when the second course of the dinner was served.

"That is a filet of sole, sir," replied the waiter.

"Take it away," said the diner, after attacking it with his fork, "and see if you can't get me a nice tender piece of the upper, with the buttons removed."—[What to Eat.

Overwhelming Force.

She—I wonder how it is why little men generally marry such large women?

He—I expect the little fellows are afraid to back out of the engagement.—[Illustrated Bits.

Confidential.

De Pile—Did you ever lose a [illegible]?

De Rie—Yes, there was [illegible] doubt; he recovered, and has come over the place since.—[Philadelphia Ledger.

Different.

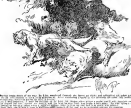
"If the man who hesitates is lost, what of the woman who hesitates?"

"She is won."—[New York Herald.

Beauty Note.

Lady X.—Do not worry about superfluous hair. Think of what it is [illegible] baldheaded.—[New York Sun.

THE ASS AND THE WOLVES.

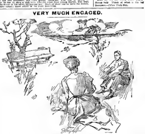


Having heard much of the way the Lion wandered through the forest at night and affrighted all other animals, the Ass set about [illegible] up a little experiment. After wandering around in the darkness for some time [illegible] ... [illegible]

"Ah, I feel [illegible]! I must be the voice of the Lion [illegible] ... [illegible]"

Moral—Talk and wisdom are far apart.

VERY MUCH ENGAGED.



"Chris and I are engaged. Last night she promised to be my wife. Are you surprised?"
"No, I don't see why she should make an exception of you."

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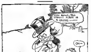
Rollo and His Tutor.


[illegible] THE STRAIGHT PLANT IS A CACTUS ——
OH—

One.

Egging Him On.

The green-whiskered comedian [illegible] the wings to escape the shower of missiles that poured on the stage.

"There's some mistake," he began.

A decayed [illegible] took him in the eye.

"They think I'm a vegetarian or s"—

An egg splattered over him.

"[illegible] they still think it's Lent."

They were "purifying" the stage, but it took a carload of disinfectants to complete the work the next day.—[illegible] Herald.

One Woman's View.

"I suppose you cannot [illegible] because of my poverty," said the impecunious youth who had just been handed the frosty mitt. "But you should remember that it is [illegible] to have plenty of money and still be unhappy."

"True," replied she of the [illegible] mien, "but I would rather be unhappy with money than [illegible]."—Chicago News.

A Gentle Touch.

"They gave me a wedding [illegible]," said the [illegible] daughter [illegible] the young couple had departed. "What a blessing!"

"Yes, dear," replied his wife, with outstretched hand, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."—Philadelphia Press.

Good Business.

"The idea!" exclaimed the angry poet. "The idea of your giving me fifty cents for that sonnet! Do you think that a fair transaction?"

"Well," replied the editor, "I really believed there was more cents than poetry in it."—Philadelphia Press.

The Cynical Codger.

"Gracious!" exclaimed the Cynical Codger, "the way [illegible] raise and raise and raise these days, one would think it was the season for Sunday-school [illegible]."—Baltimore Herald.

The Town Autocrat.

"There ain't but one man in our town that [illegible] by any wife's wishes."

"And who is he, sir?"

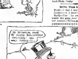
"He's the weather observer."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Better Than a Telephone.

[illegible]—I [illegible] my wife goes.

[illegible]—[illegible]

[illegible]—Yes. As soon as I leave the world she goes over and repeats it to her mother.—Chicago News.


ITS BOTANICAL NAME IS CACTUS [illegible] YOU WILL NOTICE ——
—YES—

Two.

His Preference.

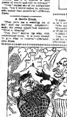
"I [illegible] a [illegible] great advantage to be a preferred creditor."

"Why so?"

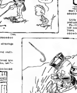
"[illegible] was a preferred creditor of old Grigsby."

"I didn't know that."

"Yes. Grigsby's widow preferred him to all the rest an' married him, see."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



"I am a yard [illegible] today."
"[illegible]"
"[illegible] that makes that yard, ain't it?"



Three.

Another Wasted Effort.

"Do I [illegible] myself plain?"

"You do."

"Could I make myself plainer?"

She softly laughed.

"You might," she said, "by letting your whiskers grow."

And then he knew that his elaborate argument on the rights and wrongs of [illegible] was entirely wasted.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Good Suggestion.

"Yes," said the [illegible] Girl Gusher, "when I met Cholly [illegible] it was a case of love at first sight."

"Too bad; why didn't you take another look?"—Baltimore Herald.

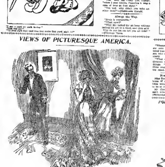
Always the Way.

"Ethel is [illegible]."

"What now?"

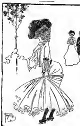
"Why, she talked for an hour without letting me get in a word, and then said: Why do you let me tell you all this?"—Chicago News.

VIEWS OF PICTURESQUE AMERICA.



[illegible]
WHEN THE BILL COMES HOME.

THE REASON.

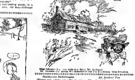


"Why [illegible] find [illegible] marry [illegible]?"
"He's got a [illegible] lease of his bachelor apartments, and the landlord won't allow women in the building."

Whats of Time.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is a profitable enterprise?

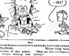
Pa—Telling hair-raising stories to a bald headed man, my son.—Chicago News.



Miss [illegible]—[illegible] you walk in a [illegible], Mr. [illegible]?
Mr. [illegible]—[illegible] I'm a [illegible] Miss [illegible].

[illegible] Performance.

"Rivers and drinks are alike in one way," remarked the breakfast cynic. "When a young duck says 'just one more,' he generally takes a dozen."—Chicago News.



Four.

His Finish.

"Whatever became of that professor [illegible] was always advising that [illegible] was only [illegible]?" asked the person who did not take the papers regularly.

"What [illegible] of him?" says the individual who has time to read about things. "Why, they found out that [illegible] was stretching the [illegible] with his mind."—Judge.

Now if They Were Birds.

Miss Tross [illegible]—Look at that great brute of a [illegible] making poor little kittens. It's simply heartbreaking to be so cruel to poor dumb creatures.

Mr. [illegible]—And so [illegible] you can't [illegible] with [illegible].—Philadelphia Press.

Where They Come.

"They say that marriages are made in heaven."

"I believe it, and I guess the [illegible] start about [illegible] there, too."—[illegible] Herald.

The New York Idea.

"How would you prevent a dog from going mad on Saturday?"

"I dunno."

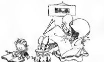
"Kill it on Friday."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Child of Wealth.

Jim—The child is the father of the man.

Jane—Yes, but a lot of money a man's [illegible] the [illegible] in the [illegible] of the world.—Baltimore Herald.

POP HAD CARRIED 'EM—SO HE KNEW.



"[illegible], pop, what is meant by 'brothers in arms?'"
Mr. [illegible]—[illegible]

Rather Puzzling.

The baby had been bawling for three long hours.

"[illegible]," said Ellis [illegible], "do babies come from heaven?"

"Yes, my son," responded mamma.

"Well, how can they call it the 'land of peace'?"—Chicago News.

Something It Exactly.

"The world isn't what it used to be," complained the cynic. "Formerly it was [illegible] some [illegible], now it is just [illegible] just like"—

"Just like a church fair," said the [illegible] supplying the lacking simile without an effort.—Judge.

Very Likely.

"Where there's smoke there must be fire. I wonder would that's a question from?"

"From the same stream, no doubt, [illegible] had heard no [illegible] story would one of her neighbors."—Philadelphia Press.

An Example at Hand.

"Do you believe in luck?"

"Sometimes. See that [illegible] [illegible] will the [illegible] ever there?"

"Yes."

"Twenty-two years ago she refused to marry me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

What It Required.

"Father, I'd like to borrow $1,000 to put up a house."

"Have you the plans, my son?"

"Yes, I have been reading in a domestic magazine how to build a cottage for $1,000."—Chicago News.

Dislike for Work.

"Yes, lady," whined the tramp. "I am a victim of heredity."

"Do you mean to say that your distaste for work has been inherited?"

"Sure. Me father once had a political job a-workin' for de city."—Baltimore Herald.

An Ancient Pun.

"Here," said the ancient Chaldean, as he wrote laboriously on the stone tablet, "here is my latest poem. What think you of it?"

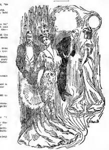
"You have certainly [illegible] into hard lines."—Baltimore Herald.

Nearest He Ever Got.

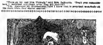
She—Well, well, do you really mean to say you never rode in an automobile?

He—I never did, but I fell out of a second story window once.—Philadelphia Press.

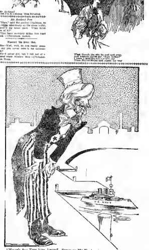
TWO SURPRISES.



"There go Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]," said Mrs. [illegible]. "Don't you remember how I surprised everybody when they got married?"
"Yes," answered Mr. [illegible], "and I know that it surprised everybody all the more when they stayed married."



"That though the city be quiet and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]"

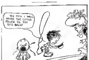


"What's All This Fuss About? Seems to Me You've Given a Pretty Good Account of Yourself Whenever Called On."

THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

THE STUNTS OF STRENUOUS SAMMIE

He Amuses An Infant.


YES MA'S I WILL AMUSE THE LITTLE FELLER TIL YOU GITS BACK!

One.

Hard Luck.

"Oh, dear!" wailed the first summer bud. "My new bathing suit is a wreck."

"What happened to it?" asked bud No. 2.

"I got caught on the beach in a shower this morning, that's all," observed one of the woeful wail.
ed one of the woeful wail.—[Chicago News.

Crippled.

"Wow!" ejaculated the centipede, as the housekeeper swatted him with the dishcloth, "that'll cripple me, sure."

"She certainly did knock you off your feet," remarked the sympathetic lady.

"Worse than that," groaned the victim. "I'll bet she's knocked fifty or sixty of my feet off!"—[Philadelphia Press.

An Attempt At Explaining It.

"I see that King Peter of Servia has retained all the palace employes that were in the service of King Alexander."

"That looks as if there might be a scarcity of [illegible] girls in Servia, too."—[Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Viewpoint.

Thus the two passengers:

"These river floods have been mighty bad for business."

"O, I don't know. They've helped [illegible]."

"They've [illegible] out."

"That's too bad. What's your line?"

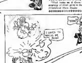
"I'm an agent for an irrigation company. What's yours?"

"I'm a map maker."—[Chicago Tribune.

Not Encouraging.

"Now what do you think of that?" asked the poet who had got the critic in a corner and read his "latest" to him. "Don't you think I'd better have that copyrighted?"

"Well," replied the critic, "that copy certainly needs to be righted, but it's doubtful whether it's really worth while."—[Philadelphia Press.


WOW!!
I LOVES TO AMUSE DE KIDS!

Two.

A Cautious Lover.

"Johnny," said the young man to the small boy, "has your sister read the novel Sweet Pauline?"

"Ain't seen it in the house," answered the boy.

"Good," muttered the young man, with a sigh of relief. "I'd hate to use the love speeches in that and have been recognized."—[Chicago Post.

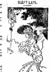
Literally True.

Clerk—That's old man Brown who just called us. He makes me tired.

Friend—There you go with your nonsensical slang. He doesn't really "make you tired." You should say—

Clerk—He just does. I'm working for him now.—[Philadelphia Press.

SLEPT LATE.



"You always speak of the beautiful sunset, but I've never heard you say a word about a sunrise."

"I never see them."

Reduction.

Gyer—Senator Hanna is evidently in favor of [illegible].

Myer—Why do you think so?

Gyer—Because he is constantly advising the American people to stand pat.—[Chicago News.

Letting the Detectives Run At Large.

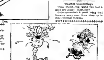
"I see that another New York detective shot at an escaping criminal and hit an innocent bystander."

"And yet they muzzle the New York dogs!"—[Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wayside Conversations.

[illegible]—You wish you had a good spy glass! What for?

Grasshopper—So's I could bring that brewery away over there close up to me.—[Chicago Tribune.


I'LL START DOING TRICKS NOW!

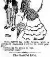
Three.

Prompt Dismissal.

"You don't tell me that Mollie and her husband have separated! That's the quickest case of repenting I ever heard of. What was the trouble?"

"He says her tastes are too extravagant, and she says he's too stingy for any use. You know they went over to St. Joe to be married. Well, after the ceremony was over she thought she might presume a little and she said she'd like a dish of ice cream. He said there was no use of wasting money and suggested that instead of spending any on ice cream they go and sit down on a park bench and watch the beautiful sunset."—[Chicago Tribune.

LEAD 'EM AROUND



"He's signed for next season with a company composed entirely of lead people."

"Then he is going to be leading man."

The Cheerful Idiot.

"I never could understand," began the Cheerful Idiot, as he had just been listening to a dissertation on poisonous snakes.

"Never could understand what?" put in the Rubberneck.

"I never could fully understand why a rubber shoe wasn't entitled to be called a water-moccasin."—[Baltimore American.

A Walking Game.

"Have you discovered any clews in connection with that robbery?"

"None whatever," answered the detective.

"What are you doing in the case?"

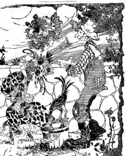
"Playing a waiting game. Waiting for one of the clever amateurs you read about in stories to come along and solve the whole thing without any trouble on our part."—[Washington Star.

Professional Tip.

"Do you believe that arsenic is good for the complexion?" asked the female of more or less uncertain age.

"Yes, for most complexions," replied the gruff old M. D. "I have known it to produce those of a tombstone."—[Chicago News.

UP-TO-DATE.



Mrs. Workley—How is you gwine to [illegible] when you want to milk them?

Uncle Rastus—Jes' go down to the railway station and git the loan of a cow-catcher off one of the Engines.

Their Strong Points.

Bolton—Your heroes of the Revolution, your so-called patriot generals, were really a common illiterate lot. Most of their correspondence was not only ungrammatical, but—

Yankee—They did play hob with the King's English, sure enough.—[Philadelphia Press.

Cause of It All.

"Chicago seems to have developed a [illegible] for mutton," said the man from St. Louis.

"That's right," replied the Chicago man with the celluloid collar and the hungry look. "Our baseball teams have been getting [illegible]."—[Chicago News.

"No," said the wife, "we can't go to the [illegible] Hotel for the summer. That place is too cheap. We couldn't afford to be seen there. My preference would be the [illegible] Hotel."

"No; we couldn't afford to be seen there for one day," asserted the husband. "It is too expensive."—[Judge.

Matter of Choice.

Mrs. Hoover—I can't understand how Mrs. Mickey can waste so much time on that horrid poodle.

Mrs. Neighbor—Why, is it possible that you have never met her husband?—[Chicago News.

[illegible] FRAGMENTS.

Each day the foreign news we read,
Each day a puzzle strange appears.
We find more hard words in a week
Than we can learn to spell in years.
—[Washington Star.

An Excuse.

"See here!" exclaimed the employer, "you're entirely too slow when you're out on an errand. Why don't you move faster?"

"Well, I'll tell you," replied the bright office boy. "Once when our Sunday-school gave a play I took the part of an old man, and, do you know, I don't think I ever got over it."—[Philadelphia Press.

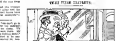
Out For the Stuff.

Towne—Lord Nobash has been sponging on the Woodbys ever since he's been in the country.

Browne—Yes. He hasn't any self-respect at all. That silly old Woodby told him he'd consider it an honor to advance him any amount he might need, and Nobash asked it all.

Towne—Yes; "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."—[Philadelphia Press.

THEY WERE TRIPLETS



Old Pop—So you are a daddy, eh! I'll drink a glass of wine to the health of the new arrival.

New Pop (sadly)—Drink three.

It's Mounting To It.

"What of my future?" asked the fair maid.

"You will never know what grief or sorrow is," answered the fortune teller.

"And—will I marry?" queried the fair one, anxiously.

"Sure," replied the visionary prophetess. "Four times."—[Chicago News.

An Awful Fall.

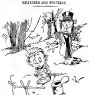
De Borem—I wonder what time it is?

Miss Markar (wearily)—Really I can't say!

De Borem—Well, it must be about time I was going home.

Miss Markar—Oh, I'm sure it is even so much later than that!—[Chicago News.

REALIZED HIS POSITION



Mr. Goodsoul—Don't you know you oughtn't to be fishing here on the Sabbath?

Johnny—I know it. I'm a durn fool. They ain't bitin'.

Under the Padding.

Tess—Miss Fitz-Henry says that most of the fashionable women are not as shapely as they sometimes appear.

Jess—How does she get that information down so fine?

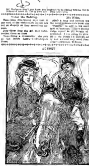
Tess—Being a dressmaker she gets at the inside figures.—[Philadelphia Press.

His Whim.

After a long and serious meditation the multimillionaire's brow cleared.

"Marie," he said to his confidential man of business, "I have decided to indulge myself in all lavishly of a new sensation. I am going to give $1,000,000 to the [illegible] College, absolutely without any conditions whatever."—[Chicago Tribune.

ALMOST



Dolly Dimple—A man has to be very simple to be [illegible] of women.

Lord Noodle—Oh—yes [illegible]. I'm almost as [illegible] as a horse, I know.

Qualified.

"Oh, Mrs. Malaprop," said the summer boarder kindly, "I am sorry to be told that I hardly think your son would be admitted into the four hundred. Of course, it is commendable to you to have such ambition for him, but you know he really lacks the training and all that."

"Lacks training, eh?" asked Mrs. McGogan. "Why, I bought him one of them automobiles last summer an' he's paid out over a hundred dollars in fines for [illegible]. As far as I can see, that's all a person needs to get into society [illegible]."—[Judge.

Hampered By a Condition.

"An English Earl has received a legacy of $500,000 provided he agrees to marry a New Jersey woman."

"Is it hardship?"

"I fancy that he is. But there's one thing sure about it."

"What's that?"

"If he marries the New Jersey woman a good many people will infer that he must have needed the money."—[Cleveland Plain Dealer.

All In the Church.

"Last Sunday's collection was admirable," said the Rev. Mr. Sharpe. "It furnished me with a text for next Sunday's sermon."

"Yes?" said the vestryman, "and what was your text?"

"The poor we have always with us."—[Philadelphia Press.

She Was Once.

"You're exasperating, my dear," he asserted.

"Not now," she returned.

"Then you admit that you are sometimes," he suggested.

"I admit that I didn't reason to any appreciable extent when I married," she retorted.—[Chicago Post.

In Doubt.

"Doesn't your son Josh use a great deal of slang?"

"I'm afraid he does," answered Farmer Corntossel. "But me an' Mandy don't correct him 'cause we ain't sure whether some o' those words [illegible] he got out o' the [illegible]."—[Washington Star.

The Odds Against Him.

Sara Pike—Mother, you got to stop takin' in summer boarders, or else I got to quit Reuben.

Mrs. Pike—Why so, what's the trouble?

Sara Pike—They're no use tryin' for [illegible] with summer boarders prayin' for fair weather.—[Judge.

A Self-Evident Truth.

(Scene, on board the revenue cutter Windom.)

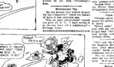
Visitor—O, what are those funny cannons on the guns for?

Capt. McGuire—Didn't you know that all guns have breeches?—[Baltimore American.

He Was Modest.

Landlady—What part of the chicken will you have, Mr. Newcomer?

Mr. Newcomer—Oh, about half of it will be ample, thank you.—[Chicago News.


PWWEX! PIT-T-T-T!
WHAT'S DE MATTER WIT HER? I DONE ME BEST T' AMUSE DE KID!

Four.

Somewhat Worse.

"I can't imagine a more annoying thing," said the schoolmaster, "than to sit down on a pin."

"Unless," suggested the youth who had been in the country, "it's to have a hornet sit down on you."—[Philadelphia Press.

Anger Provoked.

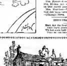
Reginald—I saw your father gazing at my picture for ten minutes to-day. I didn't know he was so much interested in me.

Dolly—Yes, he wanted to get his temper up. He is going down to kick a man that called him names.—[Chicago News.

Seems Feasible.

"I can only spare the time for a week's vacation this summer. I wish I could make it seem like a month."

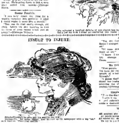
"You can do that easily enough, old chap. Leave the girl [illegible] you go away."—[Chicago Tribune.



"We collected a hundred dollars at our church last Sunday for the heathen."

"Dat's jes' my luck. I done got converted two weeks ago."

INSULT TO INJURY



Ethel—Wouldn't he give you his seat in the car?

Mabel—No, he never stirred. And he held up his newspaper with a big "ad." so it read: "[illegible]."

A Hint.

"You say during the late war with Spain I charged a battery single-handed."

"Oh, come now, you weren't at the front at all."

"I know. I had a job then in the cold storage plant."—[Philadelphia Press.

He Evidently Knew.

"Few people," said the fond wife, as she bore her reluctant husband along, "are aware of what a woman has to go through."

"I guess that's right, my dear," rejoined her husband, who was carefully counting the change in his trousers pocket.—[Chicago News.

Simple Mediocrity.

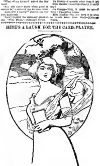
"[illegible] the nasty kind?"

"I give it up. He wasn't bad enough to need reforming nor good enough to make a desirable opening."—[Judge.

WOMAN

All content she is ordinarily [illegible]
At tennis gowns [illegible]
All winter long she [illegible]
To try to get it off.—[Judge.

HERE'S A LAUGH FOR THE CARD-PLAYER.



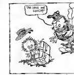
"She is a Queen."

"How do you know?"

"She [illegible] every Jack that hits the beach."

THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

HOLD-UP HAROLD MAKES A MISTAKE.


AH GIMME ME LUNCH!

ONE.

Spelling a Continuous Tribulation.

"Understand you're going to move, pastor?"

"Yes."

"What's the trouble?"

"The noisy street [illegible]."

"I should think you might get used to them."

"Oh, they don't bother the ear."

"Then why move?"

"Because they interrupt my wife."—[Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Clyde Up-to-Date.

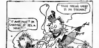
Clyde Fitch has written an "entirely" new play.—[Theatrical News.

Next Mr. Fitch's press agent will have him losing his diamonds.—[Baltimore American.

A Place to Practice.

"Is there much opportunity for a lawyer to practice in this town?"

"I should say so. If he doesn't practice economy he can't stay here."—[Kansas City Journal.


"IT AIN'T FUN! I'M CARRYIN' IT FER A MAN!"
"YOUSE NEEDN'T CARRY IT NO FURTHER!"

TWO.

Asked and Answered.

"There's an eyegrass?" asked Mrs. O'Hara, as she looked up from the paper she was attempting to peruse.

"Faith, an' [illegible] at th' ignorance av ye," replied Mr. O'Hara. "Anny five-year-old child should be after knowing that an eyegrass is a [illegible] that's particular about [illegible]."—[Chicago News.

A Low Cut.

Stryker—I was given a low cut this morning, and by an old woman of [illegible], too.

Tinker—Sorry old man. Who is he?

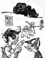
Stryker—Klingston, the cut-rate ticket broker. He cut me half price for New York.—[Baltimore American.

The Flight.

"Fly with me!" he cried, passionately. "There is only one course left for us—we must fly together!"

But he was mistaken, as soon developed. When her father appeared a few moments later he flew without her.—[Kansas City Journal.

THE FAMILY "CHAMPEEN."



"Did youse hear about Chimmie makin' de ten base hits in de game las' Sunday?"

"Yeah, [illegible] wasn't nuttin' ter de base hits wot his mudder made when she hatched him playin' on Sunday."

Something Unusual.

Gilet—That fellow Chalker is certainly a remarkable man.

Miles—Come on with the explanation.

Gilet—I beat him three straight games at billiards last night and he never said a word about how well he used to play before he got out of practice.—[Chicago News.

Words and Deeds.

Great schemes by conversation
Alas are often balked;
We stop to talk ... ever,
Until they're overwalked.
—[Washington Star.

The Compelling Force.

"Uncle Josiah, do you believe old Gus can take a forked switch in his hands and locate a vein of water with it?"

"Well, I've seen him do it."

"He walks around holding that switch, and when [illegible] bends down to the ground he tells the man that [illegible] well is [illegible], does he?"

"Yes, that's the way he generally does."

"And does the man always find a vein of water?"

"Mighty nigh every time."

"But don't you suppose the [illegible] of the ground hasn't [illegible] thing to do with it?"

"I don't know nothin' about that."

"What do you think is the reason the switch bends down?"

"Well, if they find water, [illegible] the switch [illegible] down."—[Chicago Tribune.

"Descriptive" Music.

(At a Park Concert.)

First Listener—What is that they are playing now?

Second Listener (referring to his programme)—A descriptive medley.

First Listener—What is it intended to describe?

Second Listener—Wait, till I look again—"A Day at the Circus."

First Listener—And what part of the details is that supposed to be the band is now describing?

Second Listener—I don't know. Somebody just snatched my programme away from me.—[Baltimore American.

English Question.

Miss Passay—Col. [illegible] is just old. He asked me to-day if I returned the [illegible] we had in [illegible].

Miss Pert—How ridiculous of him to ask you that!

Miss Passay—Wasn't it, he ought [illegible]

Miss Pert—Of course he might know you'd have all knowledge of it.—[Philadelphia Press.

True Politeness.

"Pardon me," said the first stranger, "but may I ask what time that is?"

"Certainly, sir," replied stranger No. 2.

"Well, what time is it?" queried the party of the first prefix.

"I don't know," answered he of the [illegible].—[Chicago News.

The Ever-Present.

Calvert, Jr.—You say you live in [illegible]. Much pleased. And at what place?

Betty More—You know that new [illegible] billboard they have just put up? Well, by climbing a stepladder you can see my house—it [illegible] that.—[Baltimore American.

Odd, Indeed.

He—Yes, I'm on the lookout for a chance to embrace an opportunity.

She—What an odd name!

He—What's an odd name?

She—Miss Opportunity.—[Cleveland Plain Dealer.

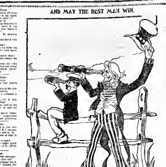
Expressive Face.

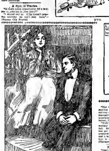
He—That odd terrier of [illegible] has a speaking countenance, hasn't he?

She—Do you think so?

He—Yes. It always says to me plainly "Beware of the dog."—[Kansas City Journal.

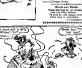
AND MAY THE BEST MAN WIN.





"The dressmaker sent my new dress home by a boy. But she didn't send the bill. I wonder why she didn't?"

"I guess the boy couldn't carry both."


"I AIN'T HAD A BITE SENDAY! BUT NOW—"
"GIMME BACK ME LUNCH!"

THREE.

Even More So.

"The talk about a man having descended from the monkey!" said the railway magnate, who was in an argumentative mood. "What people characteristic of the monkey has man retained, I'd like to know?"

"Well," said the professor, "the monkey, you know, had a prehensile tail. Man, having no use for a tail, has got rid of that, but he retains the prehensile characteristic in his fingers, and it is this, my dear sir, that enables him to grasp everything in sight."—[Chicago Tribune.

Dangerous Either Way.

"Don't you think we had better tell the public that you are opposed to the trusts?"

"What for?" answered Senator Sorghum. "The bold for that has gone. The public won't believe it and the money might."—[Washington Star.

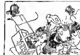
Status of the Club.

Tommie—Do you think the saloon is the poor man's club?

Johnnie—I don't know about that, but the club is the rich man's saloon, all right.—[Kansas City Journal.

Hasty Readers.

Most people claim they sail to [illegible],
And yet that seems a question.
These [illegible] patrons seem to eat
To [illegible] indignation.
—[Philadelphia Press.



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As They Met and Parted.

The chronic office holder had been compelled by the exigencies of politics to turn over his fat job to an individual from some one of the back townships.

"I little thought," he said, as his successor came to claim possession, "I'd ever have to give up my place to a jay like you."

"You call me a jay, I suppose," replied the other pleasantly, "because I am depriving you of your nest. Well," he added, with a comprehensive glance at the luxurious furnishings of the apartment, "you seem to have feathered it pretty well. Must you be going? Good day."—[Chicago Tribune.

Justifiable Failure.

General Agent—Did you attend that meeting of the Maryland Association for the Deaf?

Hat-Trimmed Salesman—Yes, I hung around there all afternoon, but the presiding officer was grouchy and wouldn't give me a hearing.—[Baltimore American.

A Side Line.

"I'm surprised to hear," said Hi Tragedy, "that your 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' was so successful in the South. That show makes me go there, usually."

"I know, and I guess we'd have had a frost," replied Low Comedy. "If it hadn't been for the lynching parties that hired our bloodhounds to run down their victims."—[Philadelphia Press.

His Opinion.

"I see prize fighters fight in a ring," remarked Miss Oldgyrl. "What kind of a ring is it?"

"An engagement ring is used for sparring," replied the old bachelor, "but when it is to be a fight to a finish, a wedding ring is used, I believe."—[Chicago News.

The Shorter Way.

"I understand that you have been experimenting with a view to discovering the philosopher's stone," said the boyhood friend.

"Yes," said the intellectual man. "If I discover it I shall become rich."

"But what's the use of waiting so long? Why don't you get some straight from the quarry and get rich by paving and building contracts, the same as I did?"—[Washington Star.

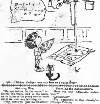
He Did.

Mrs. Gaffey—Does your husband furnish you with plenty of pocket money?

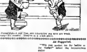
Mrs. Gibby—Yes, indeed! He leaves his money in his pocket every night.—[Baltimore American.

Have You Noticed It?

A hen is about the only thing that a woman can throw straight.—[Baltimore American.



"Oh! if Mickey Mulligan was only here to [illegible]!"



Chubby Complainer—I say, Doc, [illegible] my eyes are weak.

Ed. Occulist—No wonder. They're in a weak place.

Anything But Friends.

Sadleigh—I—aw—met young Jack [illegible] on the—aw—beach yesterday. She—aw—said yesterday at the hotel [illegible] you and I are brothers and [illegible].

Miss Cutting—Well, it [illegible]. [illegible] said that she's no sister of mine.—[Chicago News.

A Queer Jargon.

"John said he'd fight."

"And what did George say?"

"He said 'Come on.'"

"And what did John say?"

"He said he'd changed his mind."

"And what did George say?"

"He said 'Come off.'"—[Cleveland Plain Dealer.

One Exception.

"The air," said the landlord, "we pride ourselves on the fact—the modest acknowledged fact—that ours is a strictly high-class resort. We number nothing low here, but—"

The newcomer nodded.

"Not even the temperature," he said.

"Not even the temperature," the landlord began. Then he hastily added: "Who said anything about the temperature?"—[Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Just Suited Him.

"Yes," she said, "for the summer we try to go to some place where we won't need any clothing."

"I'd like to go there, too," he announced after an absorbing silence, and she hastily changed the subject without even attempting an explanation of what she really meant.—[Chicago Post.

As Suggested.

"Will you pocket me for better or for worse?" asked the impecunious suitor.

"What could I do with you?" queried the socially inclined one who was beginning to worry with her age.

"Well," suggested the I. A., "you might go Europe with me as a courier."—[Chicago News.

No Widowhood Yet.

"Ah!" sighed the poetess of [illegible] in a soulful tone, "have you never yearned and hoped for death?"

"Many and many a time," replied the pensive young beauty, "but it doesn't seem to be any use. My husband is seventy-five now and he looks to be good for ten years more, at least."—[Philadelphia Press.

Future Beside.

"My being [illegible] your ability [illegible] you with the [illegible] in which I have been entertained," said the hostess.

"Aren't such discussions unlovely?" replied Baron Fenmash. "We can agree we [illegible] after we ascertain the size of the dowry."—[Washington Star.

Assisting Him.

"We are looking for the comet," explained the young man on the porch, as the father of the young woman came out to see what was detaining her.

"Why bless you," said the old gentleman, "the comet is in an entirely different part of the sky."

And he took him around to the other side of the house, showed him the location of the comet, and helped to hire half an hour about it.—[Chicago Tribune.

Heard At the Haberdasher's.

"Have you any adjustable underwear?"

"Adjustable?"

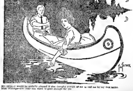
"Yes, adjustable to this climate."—[Chicago Tribune.

His Ambition.

He looked enviously at the man.

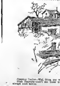
"Say!" he exclaimed, "wouldn't it be great if a football player could grow his hair like that."—[Chicago Post.

HELPING HIM ALONG.



Mr. Shye—I would be awfully pleased if you thought enough of me to call me by my first name.

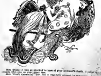
Miss Willinge—Oh! your last name is good enough for me.



Country Doctor—Wal, Silas, yer wife has purely [illegible]

Silas Hayrick—Don't see how [illegible] She's always [illegible] turned [illegible]

A BUSINESS WOMAN.



Mrs. Wilde—I was so shocked to hear of your husband's death. I called to [illegible] with you on your great loss.

Mrs. Woofe (absently)—Yes, but it was fully covered by insurance.